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ATLANTA, Ga., April 2, 1897.

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By the way, come down and see us this evening and you'll find some wonderfully rare bargains in this week's Special Sale of \$2.97 Trousers and \$8.87 Coat and Vest. We'll be

Mertz and Mertz,

906 F Street N. W.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

History of the Present Law and Its Development.

To the Editor of The Evening Star: In your issue of the 13th instant I notice a communication on the subject of civil service reform, over the signature of "J. B. F.." which challenges some attention The broad assumption of your correspondent as I understand his premises, is that he cannot understand "why any respectable citizen of the United States should object to the progress made in civil service reform, and wish to go back on the brutal and demoralizing spoils system, surpasses my comprehension." He further states, "The assumption that a majority of the people do not prefer the merit system, the wish is father to the thought. If the question is made an issue, and the matter thor-oughly discussed before the people, a large majority will be found ranged under the banner of civil service reform," etc.

The writer also assumes, generally, that
if let alone the present civil service will tring to this nation a political millennium, and his assumptions and conclusions naturally attract attention and lead to a desire to discuss the question on its merits without passion or prejudice in the light

When and how did the civil service reform law find a place among the laws of the United States? Did the people petition Congress to pass such a statute? If so, the records of Congress will show it. Let them be produced. The law was placed on the statute book in 1883 by a republican Congress, but the paternity of the bill was with Senator Pendleton, a democrat was with Senator Pendleton, a democrat of Ohlo. The inspirers of the bill were a political faction known as mugwumps, who saw no political future for themselves, exsaw no political future for themselves, except through some such machinery as the civil service measure has afforded them. However, they succeeded in securing the services of Senator Pendleton in getting the measure before Congress. The law after it had hung between life and death for a season in both houses was finally passed under a suspension of the rules, and the sickly affair gave no evidence of a healthy vitality until Grover Cleveland became President. Up to that period it had came President. Up to that period it had been confined in its operation to the clerial force of the government, and hence at tracted very little attention beyond the ridicule cast upon the absurd questions propounded to applicants for position. These were so nonsensical, so illy adapted to discovering fitness for the duties in-

to interfere with it so long as it was con-fined to what was claimed to be its in-tent by its inventors. But when Mr. Cleveland assumed to re-

But when Mr. Cleveland assumed to re-peal laws that had been on the statute books and had been duly honored by the government in all its lepartments for some three decades, without any regard to the lawmaking power or any proper au-thority for his action, public attention be-came aroused at these acts of usurpation, and public sentiment began to assert itself against his indefensible conduct and then ture usurpations of executive power.

There was no organizel opposition to the civil service commission until the propie discovered that it had been select upon by the President to enable him to commit grievous wrongs in its name. The extensions of the law far beyond the limit of its intents has aroused a public sentiment that has come to stay, and which will never be placated until the wrongs thus committed have been fully righted and the future is carefully guarded against

their repetition.

But the democrats and their allies in this scheme for republican overthrow row taunt us with a reminder that this is a republican law and republicans are bound

ed no honor upon their parentage.

Now that we have the civil service law with us and its capacities for mischief have been amply developed by the grasp-ing hand of Mr. Cleveland, the people will take this matter in hand, and the abuses under this law will be atoned for at the ballot box. The line is being drawn and all who indorse the wrongs committed by him and who seek to perpetuate their oy nim and who seek to perpetuate their wrongs through the statutes will find a reckoning day within the next three years. No cry of "spoils and plunder" will avail when hurled against republicans who oppose the abuses under the civil service law, for the people do not readily discover why that anathema may not be as justly applied to the President, the Vice President, cabinet ministers, senators and members of Congress, who receive their salaries as the reward of their party tried to discovering fitness for the duties involved, that it rendered this machine very much of a farce.

The commission up to that date had only been extended to its original intents—that of improving the clerical service of the government. If possible, by such an agency. Nobody had cared much for civil service reform, and nobely was disposed

salaries as the reward of their party triumph, are not as much spoilsmen as those who prefer to leave the matter of filling offices with the people and their proper representatives, rather than to a modern invention, which, while it professes to be non-partisan, finds a way to secure a masority of places for democrats.

December 16, 1897.

A. M. CLAPP.

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is well worth your examination. It is a great big double number, and is so rich in illustration-has so much genuine merit both in letterpress and artis so unique among women's journals, that you cannot afford not to get a copy and look it over. It is a journal for the refined home, for gentle-

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********* AFFAIRS IN ALEXANDRIA

Wm. Lampher Reports to Police a Loss of \$160 by Theft.

Friend-Suspects Use of Chloroform -General and Personal.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., December 18, 1897.

robbed of \$160 some time during last night.

companion named Childs, arrived in this

Police Sergeant James T. Smith was as-signed to the case and is now engaged in

Bertie Miller Better.

Police Court.

Sin pson disposed of the following cases

Judicial Inquiry.

School Superintendents.

Kemper of Alexandria city, James E. Clem-

ents of Alexandria county, and M. D. Hall

Corporation Court.

In the corporation court yesterday, Judge

J. K. M. Norton presiding, the following

tusiness was transacted: Marian F. Hen-

derson qualified as guardian of her infant

children. Maria C. Peyton, guardian, agt.

J. F. Peyton; decree of reference, and John

T. Callahan appointed commissioner to re-

port. A deed of specifal warranty from E. F. Price, city auditor, to William H. Smith, conveying a lot of ground on Alfred street between Oronoko and Pecdleton streets, was recorded.

Assaulted His Wife.

A New York paper says Mr. Harry

Kraemer, the well-known trick bicyclist of

this city, was fined \$25 in Jersey City

Thursday for assaulting his wife, who is

also a trick bicyclist. It is now said that Mrs. Kraemer will leave the stage and return to her home in Alexandria.

Stephen Swain's Funeral.

The funeral of the late Stephen Swain

took place yesterday afternoon from his

late residence, on Wolfe street. The fol-

lowing acted as pallbearers; William La-

tham, A. C. Uhler, A. H. Thomson, J. J. Jamieson, W. A. Moore and K. Kemper.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. J. E. Thacker of the Second Presbyterian Church.

Funeral of J. G. Lash.

The funeral of the late Joseph G. Lash,

who committed sulcide by jumping into the

Potomac river from Bryant's wharf Fri-

day morning, an account of which was printed in The Star, will take place from

his late residence tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. R. E. Lee Camp, Confederate Vet-

erans, of which the deceased was a men

ber, will hold a meeting tonight to make arrangements for attending his funeral in

The Revival Services.

Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church was

crowded again last night to hear the sec-

ond of the series of discourses by Mr. Crit-

tenton, "the merchant evangelist." The

service tonight will be for men only. It

Railroad Mission, and a good attendance is expected. Some special music has been

County Land Transfers.

Wm. Birch to S. Emma Veitch. Consid-

A. W. Armstrong to Alice D. K. Shat-

Charles E Wood et ux. to Martha E. Bucker. Consideration, \$450.
C. E. Wood et ux. to Lillian M. Caton. Consideration, \$50.

Mr. Redmond Injured.

andria, was quite badly hurt shortly be-

fere noon today by falling from an electric

car on Royal street between Franklin and

Gibbon streets. Redmond boarded the car at

New Alexandria, and after it had passed

Franklin street his hat blew off. He jump-

ed after it, and was dragged several feet

He was picked up and put on the car and carried to the Royal street office of the

electric railway company, and Dr. O'Brien summoned. On examination it was found that his face was badly lacerated and brulsed, several of his teeth knocked out

and that he had sustained other bruises about the body. After the wounds were

vent Redmond from jumping off the car but he broke away from him.

Brevities.

John Allen and John Dowell, the two

tramps who were fined by Mayor Simpson

yesterday, were unable to pay the amounts

ssessed against them and are today work-

At the Arlington Institute last night a reception was tendered the Cameron Club by Miss Dora Chinn. 5 b. It is said the Junior Order of United

American Mechanics will request the city school board to have the Bible read regularly in the public schools:

New water mains lare being laid on Wilkes street between Fairfax street and Ditt street

A New Trumpet Call for the Army.

In accordance with recent general orders

a new trumpet call has been added to the

drill regulations of the United States army

"Why, dear?"

ing on the chain gange as

Wilbur Redmond, a resident of New Alex-

tuck. Consideration, \$2,250.

will be held in the large auditorium at the

body.

matter was referred by the court.

of Fairfax county.

Several days ago, Lampher says, he, with

Mr. William Lampher reported at police

adquarters this morning that he had been

Evening Star Bureau, 529 King Street, (Bell Telephone No. 106).

GEORGETOWN ADV'TISEM'TS Fine 14k. Gold Pens. with

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This is an idea of the many useful and pretty gifts to be had here. It will pay you to see car Jewelry stock before making your purchases. We've selected a line of Diamond Karrings, Brooches and Scarr Pins to offer at less than cost prices for the next faw days. Blackford's, 3125 M Street.

All Kinds of Layer, Pound CAKE. and Fruit

Thomas L. Hume, 1204 32d St.

city, looking for work. They secured a SPECIAL DRUG SALE. room at Mrs. Hudson's, 919 King street, but did not take their meals there. Last night, Pane's Celery Compound
Terraline 65c.
Pierce's Favorite Prescription 65c.
Pierce's Favorite Prescription 65c.
Pure Cod Liver Oil, Parke, Davis & Co. 25c. pint
Phosphatic Emulsion, fresh daily 39c. pint
Carter's Pills 11c.
Scott's Emulsion 37c.
Black Rubber Nipples, best make 2 for 5c.
Absorbent Cotton, lb. packages 20c.
O'DONNELL'S RELIABLE DRUG STORES,
32d and M. 32d and O. 3d and Pa. avc. a.s.
ded-list Lampher said, he and Childs went to their room at the usual hour and retired. Lampher awoke, he declares, about 3 o'clock this morning and was surprised to find that Childs was not in the bed. He got up hasti-

ly, lighted the gas and investigated. His first thought was of his money, and he looked for it under his pillow, where he had placed it on retireing last night, but it was gone. Lampher says it is his belief that he was chloroformed.

AFFAIRS IN GEORGETOWN.

Annual Election-Arrest for Larceny The annual election of officers of Union

Light Lodge, No. 1965, Grand United Order Miss Bertie Miller, who attempted to com of Odd Fellows, took place last night at mit suicide again yesterday by taking laudanum, was thought to be some little better sulted as follows: Charles W. Stewart, nothis morning, and it is believed she will ble grand: Charles Norris, vice grand: recover. This is said to have been the fourth time that she has attempted to destrey herself. A love affair is given as Thomas George, E. R.; Sandy Shaws, P. N. G.; Benjamin Holmes, N. F.; Joseph Harris, P. N. F.: Henry Bowles, P. R.: Alfred Pope, trasurer; George T. Beason, advocate; James L. Turner, third degree mas-In the police court this morning Mayor ter; O. N. Butler, deputy master; Edward Norris, I. G., and Sanford Hazzard, warden. Charles Pinkey, a seventeen-year-old col-Rebecca Quill, charged with disorderly conduct and fighting, was sent to the workored boy, was arrested yesterday by Policeman Birkigt on a charge of petit larceny. The complainant was Simon S. Shafer, a house for twenty days. Dan Corbin, who escaped from the chain gang several days peddler, who conducts a small jewelry stand. The negro snatched a ring and ran away, but was caught, and placed in the ago, but who was recaptured, was given an opportunity to repent at police head-quarters, where he will be locked up for the present on a bread and water diet. station house. In the Police Court he was held guilty of the charge, and committed to jail for fifteen days in default of a fine

The judicial inquiry into the affairs of The improvements on M street, south side, the Home Telephone Company, which is between 32d and 33d streets have commenced. Provision has been made for the use of a portion of the present pavement for the fire engine company. The grade of the roadway will be several inches below the grade of the present thoroughfare, necessitating the lowering of the prevent now in the hands of Receiver Robert F. Knox, will take place Wednesday next be-fore Commissioner Callahan, to whom the cessitating the lowering of the pavement some little distance. When this part is improved M street will have been asphalted Among the school superintendents recently confirmed by the state senate were K.

its entire length. Ground has been broken on 32d street just below M street for the erection of a suitable building, which will be used as the main plant of Mr. Samuel C. Palmer. The old engine house on one side and the adjoining lot on the north will be improved for the purpose. for the purpose.

The bazaar of the Grace Church societies closed last night.

The row of three houses on N street being erected by Mr. Fred Stohlman is rapidly nearing completion.

Why Some Husbands Are Untidy. From the Chicago News.

Women are often accused of becoming careless about their dress and style of hairdressing after marriage, and the reason for this is speculated upon. Here is the other side of the question: "I found out the other day why all mar-

ried men, or almost all married men, are so slovenly regarding their dress," said a married man recently. "No matter how much of a dandy the man may have been before marriage, as a rule he begins to show unmistakable signs, shortly after-ward, that he cares nothing about his per-sonal appearance. It has been popularly supposed that the reason for this is bewell, and at least clean, for they well know it is a reflection upon themselves if the husband looks otherwise, and they are too selfish to want any such notion to gain credence. The real reason, however, is jealousy. A friend of mine, when I asked him why he always were the same asked him why he always wore the same recktie, told me that if he changed his tie or clothes or shirt, and often if he shaved himself, his wife thought it was because he wanted to look nice for some other woman's benefit, until, out of sheer desperation, he preferred to go about looking almost unkempt rather than have his wife nag at him."

The First Cabs.

From the Gentleman's Magazine Like the 'buses, cabs were introduced frem Paris, but some ten years earlier, or, say, about 1820. Although its type was not at all settled, the cabriolet was a little hood-shaped vehicle, quite above its axle, and therefore very high and difficult to get into. It was only intended to carry one passenger, though two slim ones who did not mind squeezing could generally manage to find room. The driver sat on a little shelf or perch on the right-hand side, quite outside the body of the machine. This was an English innovation. In Paris driver and fare shared the same seat, and this was

continued here for private cabriolets.

The ingenious Mr. Joseph Hansom, who was an architect of Hinckley, Leicestersbire, however, bethought him in 1834 that if he used larger wheels and suspended the body of the cab between them, the vehicle would hold two easily, or three at a pinch, would balance better, be easier to draw. and safer if the horse fell. Further im-proved by putting the driver behind and the axle under the seat, the invention soon made its way, and by the fifties the hansom was as much the favorite cab of London as it is today. The original patent is dated December 23, 1834.

Mamma's Mistake. From the Chicago Tribune

dressed he was placed on the "bobtail" car and taken to his home at New Alexandria. Trolleyman Griffin made an effort to pre-"Mr. Millsaps," said little Tommy Tucker to the guest, "I don't see why mamma said I mustn't say anything about your neck. You hain't got any neck!"

BREAKS UP

You feel fine!!

Wikes street between Fairfax street and Pitt street.

Mr. S. C. Uffelman, train dispatcher of the electric railway, has gone to Pennsylvania to spend the Christmas holidays.

John Stephenson, who has been quite ill, is thought to be improving.

At the meeting of Patomac Lodge, I.O.O.
F., held last night, officers, for the ensuing term were elected. After a cure by "Seventy-seven" you will feel fine. Not like a rag, all played out, as if you had been drawn through a knot hole; as you do after other treatment; because "77" be-It is for use when the march is in "route step" or "route order" (Paragraphs 632 Cavalry, 328 Light Artillery, 245 Infantry Drill Regulations). The call is as follows: sides curing the Cold, tones up the system, braces you up, never lets you run down; is a tonic from start to finish. You will appreciate this when you consider how debilitating a Cold and especially La! Grippe is.

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Of the
NATIONAL SAFE DEPOSIT, SAVINGS AND
TRUST CO., OF THE DISTRICT OF
COLUMBIA,
At Washington, in the District of Columbia, at the
close of business, December 15, 1397. RESOURCES. Leens on real estate and constern security
U. S. bonds on hand.
Premiums on U. S. bonds.
Stocks, securities, etc.
Banking-house, furniture and fixtures other real estate and mortgages owned Due from national hanks.
Checks and other cash items.
Notes of other national banks.
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents

cents
Lawful money reserve in bank, viz:
Specie .\$31,462 50
Legal-tender notes . . 8,000 00 39,462 50 Total\$3,164,955 70 LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in.
Undivided profits, less expenses and
taxes paid.
Individual deposits. District of Columbia, county of Washington, sa:

1, GEORGE HOWARD, Cashler of the above
named company, do solemnly swear that the
above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. GEORGE HOWARD, Cashler. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of December, 1897. WILLARD H. MYERS, Notary Public.

Correct-Attest: THOMAS R. JONES, JOHN F. RODGERS, JAMES M. JOHNSTON, • ALBERT S. STURTEVANT,

REPORT OF THE CONDITION RIGGS NATIONAL BANK OF WASHINGTON At the close of business, December 15, 1897.

RESOURCES. Loans and discounts.

Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.

U.S. bonds to secure circulation.

U.S. bonds on hand.

Premiums on U.S. bonds. Stocks, securities, etc... Due from national banks (not reserve Total\$5,092,692 1 LIABILITIES.

Total \$5,002,692 17

District of Columbia, ss:

I. ARTHUR T. BRICE, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. ARTHUR T. BRICE, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of December, 1897. Total\$5,092,692 17

day of December, 1897.
D. RITTENHOUSE, Notary Public. Correct—Attest:
CHAS. C. GLOVER,
JAMES M. JOHNSTON,
It
WM. J. FLATHER,
Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION
Of the
NATIONAL METROPOLITAN BANK,
At Washington, D. C.,
At the close of business, December 15, 1897.

RESOURCES. 159,996 93 39,389 56 224,597 65 10,964 31 13,784 69 2,897 00 Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents. Lawful money reserve in bank, viz.:

supposed that the reason for this is because a man, once he is married, thinks that his mission in life as a good dresser is ended, and that he can wear soiled linen and old clothes to his heart's content, or because the wife does not think to have clean collars and euffs laid on hand for him. The idea is all wrong, for all women like to have their husbands look well, and at least clean, for they well know it is a reflection upon themselves if the husband looks otherwise, and they are too selfish to want any such notion to gain credence. The real reason, however, is jealousy. A friend of mine, when I

Total. \$2,540,714 98
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1. George H. B. White, cashler of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and bellef. GEO. H. B. WHITE, Cashler. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of December, 1897.

ALFRED B. BRIGGS, Notary Public. Correct—Attest:

ALFRED B. BRIGGS, Not Correct—Attest: E. S. PARKER, WM. B. GURLEY, H. K. WILLARD, J. B. WIMER, S. W. WOODWARD, JOHN T. ARMS, JOHN B. LARNER, 1t GEO. H. B. WHITE,

Directors. December == thinking time

for the wage earner

On the threshold of '98 it's worth while reviewing the past twelvemonth—to reckon up the many hard-earned dollars you've uselessly spent—to remember that those dollars might have been the nucleus of a sum that, added to regularly—a dollar or two at a time—would put you in an independent position. Make up your mind to start a bank account right away—procrastination fosters poverty—\$1 starts an account with us. Union Savings Bank, 1222 F st. Money at 5 Per Cent to Loan

On real estate in District of Columbia. No de-lay in closing losas.

ap21-tf HEINKELI, & McLERAN, 1008 F st. Things About a Watch.

From the Jeweller's Review. Open your watch and look at the little

wheels, springs and screws, each an indispensable part of the whole wonderful machine. Notice the busy little balance wheel as it flies to and fro unceasingly day and night, year in and year out. This wonder ful machine is the result of hundreds of years of study and experiment.

The watch carried by the average man is composed of ninety-eight pieces, and its manufacture embraces more than 2,000 distinct and separate operations. Some of the tinct and separate operations. Some of the smallest screws are so minute that the unaided eye cannot distinguish them from steel filings or specks of dirt. Under a powerful magnifying glass, a perfect screw is revealed. The slit in the head is 2-100 of an inch wide. It takes 308,000 of these screws to weigh a pound, and a pound is worth \$1,585. The hairspring is a strip of the finest steel, about \$9\'2\$ inches long, 1-100 of an inch wide, and 27-70,000 of an inch thick. It is coiled up in spiral form and finely tempered. The process of tempering finely tempered. The process of tempering these springs was long held a secret by the few fortunate ones possessing it, and even now is not generally known. Their manufacture requires great skill and care. The strip is gauged to 20-100 of an inch, but to measuring instrument has as wet bear de-The strip is gauged to 20-100 of an inch, but no measuring instrument has as yet been devised capable of fine enough gauging to determine beforehard by the size of the strip what the strength of the finished spring will be. A 20-10,000th part of an inch difference in the thickness of the strip makes a difference in the running of a watch of about six minutes per hour.

The value of these springs when finished and placed in watches is enormous in proportion to the material from which they were made. A ton of steel made up into hairsprings when in watches is worth more than twelve and one-half times the value

hairsprings when in watches is worth more than twelve and one-half times the value of the same in pure gold. Hairspring wire weighs one-twentieth of a grain to the irch. One mile of wire weighs less than half a pound. The halance gives five vibrations every second, 300 every minute, 18,000 every hour, 432,000 every day, and 187,680,000 every year. At each vibration if rotates about one and one-fourth times, which makes 197,100,000 revolutions every year. Take, for illustration, a locomotive with six-foot driving wheels. Let its wheels be run until they have given the same number of revolutions that a watch does in one year, and they will have covcred a distance equal to twenty-eight complete circuits of the earth. All this a watch does without other attention than winding once every twenty-four hours.

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